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ACDA:LWATSON  
ARA/ECP:CCUNNINGHAM (INFO)  
ARA/ECA:NBOUTON  
PM/NPP:GSUCHAN  
OES/NET/NEP:MGUHN (SUBS)  
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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AR, IDB, ENRG

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REF: BUENOS AIRES 6187

1. RE FINAL SUBPARA REFTEL: A LOW-KEY INQUIRY BY THE  
U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE TO THE ARGENTINE DIRECTOR  
(GUILLERMO ZUBARAN) ON AUGUST 14 REVEALED THAT THE LATTER  
IS UNAWARE OF THE REPORTEDLY IMPENDING CASSANO VISIT AND IS  
SKEPTICAL OF IDB LENDING FOR ANY ASPECT OF ARGENTINE HEAVY  
WATER DEVELOPMENT. ZUBARAN OBSERVED (CORRECTLY) THAT IDB

HAS NEVER ENGAGED IN FINANCING FIELD OF GENERAL NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT AND WOULD HAVE TO DEVELOP BODY OF POLICY GUIDELINES TO DO SO. MORE IMPORTANTLY IN PRACTICAL TERMS, ZUBARAN NOTED THAT NUCLEAR FIELD IS CHARACTERIZED BY TECHNOLOGIES SPECIFIC TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF FIRMS OR SOMETIMES SINGLE FIRM, WITHIN A FRAMEWORK OF NATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN LDCS AND ADVANCED COUNTRIES SUCH AS U.S., FRANCE, OR GERMANY. THIS SITUATION IS SIMPLY NOT COMPATIBLE IN HIS VIEW WITH IDB REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON PROJECTS WHICH IT FINANCES. FINALLY, ZUBARAN INDICATED HE KNEW CASSANO AS A PRIVATE RESEARCHER AND NOT AS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL; IT WAS UNLIKELY IN HIS VIEW, THEREFORE, FOR CASSANO TO BE OPENING NEGOTIATIONS WITH IDB FOR A LOAN.

2. IF EMBASSY HAS ANY FURTHER INFO, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED. CHRISTOPHER

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